

Washington, DC –Today, Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez met with Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki to discuss VA department needs and address crucial issues facing the nation's veterans.

**“Secretary Shinseki and I had a very constructive discussion about how to best continue our commitment to the brave men and women who have defended our country and our freedoms,”** said Congresswoman Sánchez. **“We owe it to our veterans to make sure they have the tools to succeed economically when they return from service.”**

**“We also have a moral obligation to ensure they can easily receive the healthcare they need and the benefits they’ve earned,”** said Congresswoman Sánchez. **“I look forward to working with Secretary Shinseki to ensure we fulfill our promise to the men and women who have sacrificed so much to protect our country.”**

Congresswoman Linda Sánchez serves on the House Veteran's Affairs Committee and is a member of the VA Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.

In August 2010, Congresswoman Sánchez established a Veterans Advisory Council for the 39<sup>th</sup> Congressional District so that local veterans could provide her with feedback on veteran's issues. The Veterans Advisory Council also leads Congresswoman Sánchez' “Veteran of the Month” program which honors veterans in California's 39

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